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Case 8483M

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of
 Deak et al.
 Serial No. 09/849,963
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 Filed: May 4, 2001

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 Examiner: Charles Boyer

Title: PROCESS FOR TREATING A LIPOPHILIC FLUID

Commissioner for Patents
 Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 6, 2003, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the amendments and accompanying remarks while examining the application.

AMENDMENTSIN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (currently amended) A process for treating a lipophilic fluid contained in an emulsion comprising water and said a lipophilic fluid, said process comprising the sequential steps of:
 - a. forming said emulsion by mixing at least a portion of said lipophilic fluid and at least a portion of said water to form said emulsion;
 - b. pretreating said emulsion;
 - c. recovering said lipophilic fluid from said emulsion; and
 - d. purifying said lipophilic fluid.
2. (original) A process according to Claim 1 further comprising the steps of: